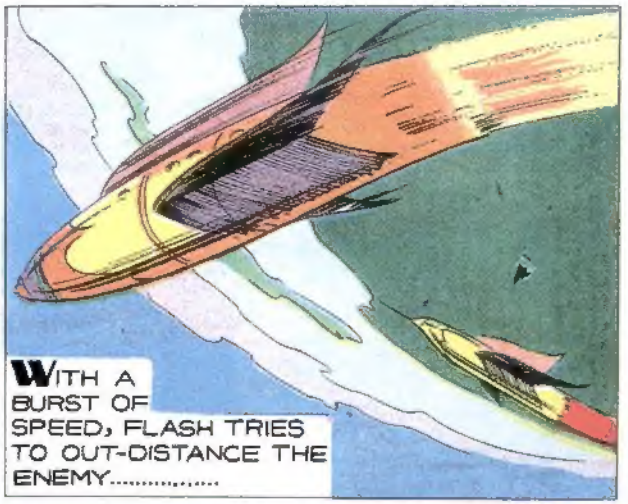
FLASH HEADS FOR HIS FRIEND, BARIN'S, FOREST'S IN MING'S CAPTURED ROCKET SHIP.....
NOW THAT WE'RE OUT OF THE SEA FOGS, WE RUN THE RISK OF BEING SPOTTED BY MING'S AIR PATROLS.....
BY TAO..... YOU'RE TOO GOOD A PROPHET.... THERE'S ONE NOW!


WITH A BURST OF SPEED, FLASH TRIES TO OUT-DISTANCE THE ENEMY.....

THEY'RE GAINING ON US....AND THEY'RE 'PHONING US ORDERS TO STOP
THIS CALLS FOR STRATEGY... HELLO, PATROL, WHAT DO YOU WANT? WE ARE ON A SECRET MISSION FOR THE EMPEROR....CAPTAIN CHIUNG SPEAKING.....

LIARS! CHIUNG IS DEAD! LAND YOUR SHIP OR WE FIRE!
HOLD THAT COURSE....MY ATOM CANNON IS ALMOST SQUARELY ON THEM!
WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT FLASH!
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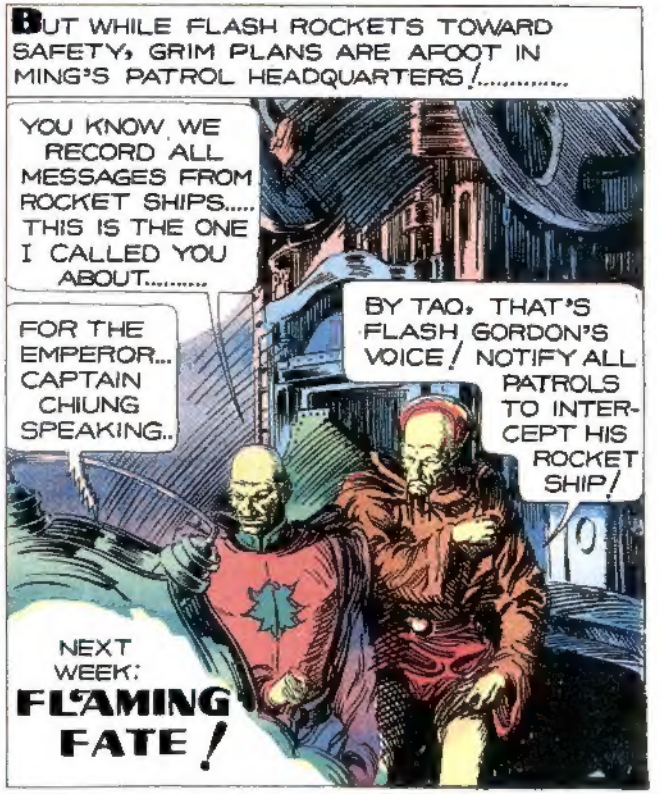
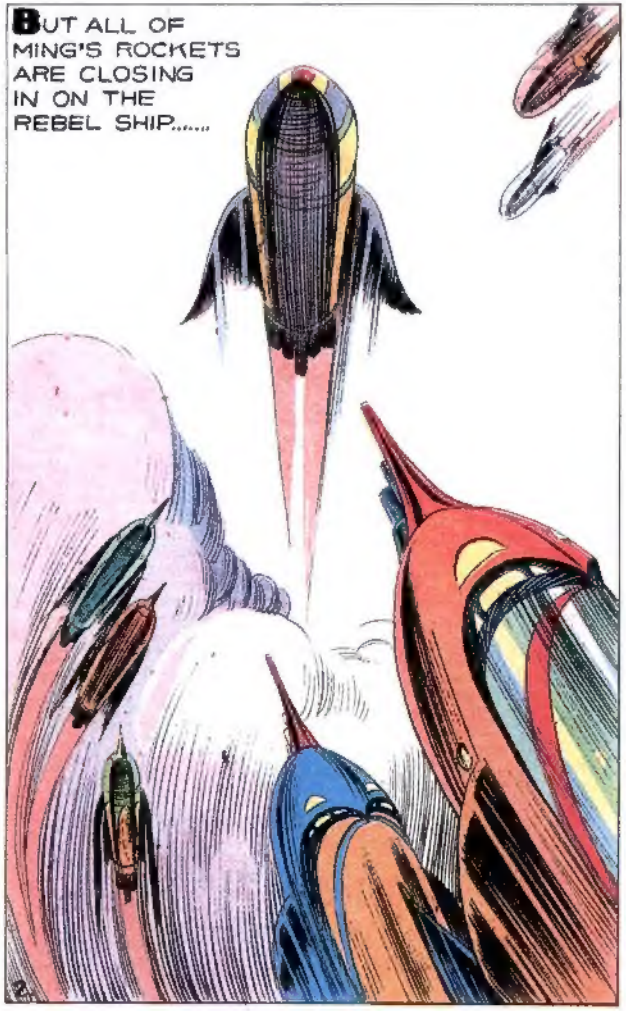
ONE SQUARE HIT WRECKS THE ENEMY PATROL ROCKET!.....


BUT WHILE FLASH ROCKETS TOWARD SAFETY, GRIM PLANS ARE AFOOT IN MING'S PATROL HEADQUARTERS!.....
YOU KNOW WE RECORD ALL MESSAGES FROM ROCKET SHIPS..... THIS IS THE ONE I CALLED YOU ABOUT.....
FOR THE EMPEROR... CAPTAIN CHIUNG SPEAKING..
BY TAO, THAT'S FLASH GORDON'S VOICE! NOTIFY ALL PATROLS TO INTERCEPT HIS ROCKET SHIP!
NEXT WEEK: FLAMING FATE!



TRAPPED AND OUTNUMBERED, FLASH AND ZARKOV ACCOUNT FOR A NUMBER OF SHIPS BEFORE THEY ARE BLASTED IN MIDAIR.....

WITH AMAZING SKILL, ZARKOV MADE A PANCAKE LANDING WITH HIS BLAZING SHIP.. BADLY BATTERED, THEY STAGGER INTO THE FOREST.....

NEXT WEEK

HUNTED CREATURES~

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BROUGHT DOWN IN FLAMES, FLASH AND HIS COMPANIONS FLEE IN THE FOREST.....
I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THOSE ROCKETS FOLLOWED US DOWN!
PUT OUT THE FIRE, THEN HUNT FOR BODIES!
MING'S AIRMEN, FOLLOWING ORDERS, TRY TO MAKE SURE OF FLASH'S DEATH IN HIS WRECKED SHIP.....
BUT FIRE REACHES THE WRECK'S POWDER MAGAZINE!.....
BACK TO THE SHIP, MEN.... WE'RE TAKING OFF!
HIS SEARCH BALKED BY THE EXPLOSION, MING'S COMMANDER ORDERS THE FOREST BURNED IN A WIDE CIRCLE TO TRAP ANY POSSIBLE SURVIVORS.....
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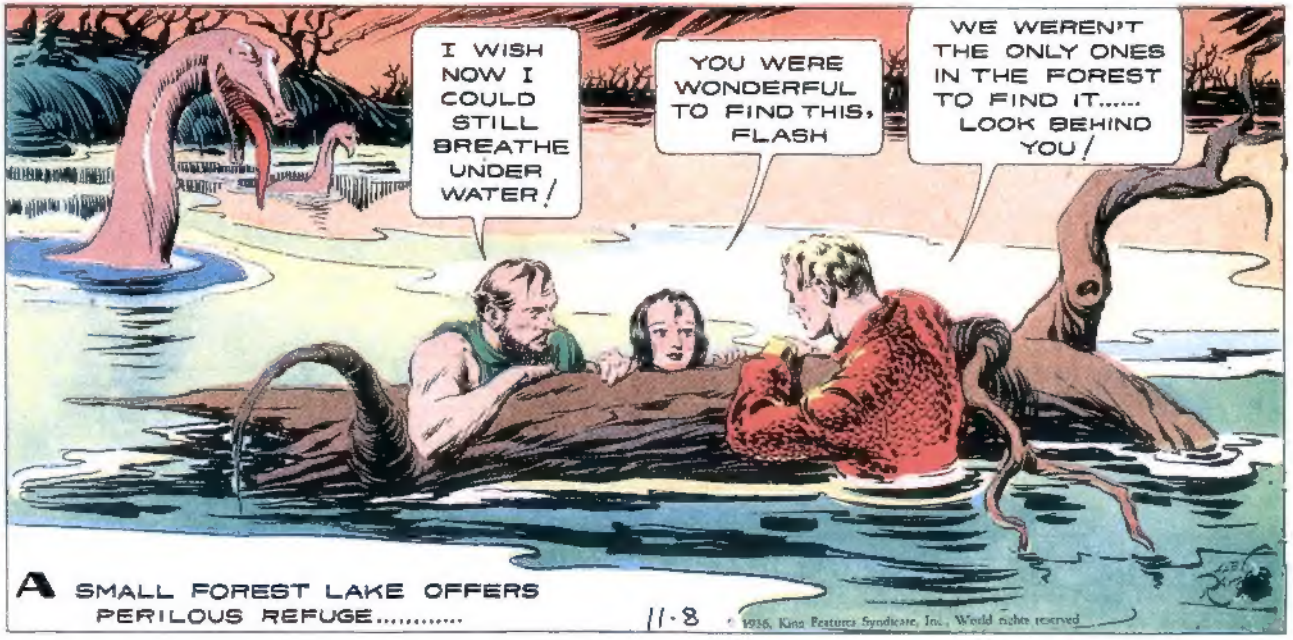
A RING OF FIRE SURROUNDS THE FUGITIVES
FLASH...THE FIRE FROM THE ROCKETS MUST HAVE SPREAD!
THERE'S SMOKE AHEAD, TOO, FLASH! LOOK! FLAMES IN THE TREES OVER THERE! WE'RE CUT OFF!
NEXT WEEK: FOREST FIRE~

TRAPPED IN A BLAZING FOREST, FLASH AND HIS FRIENDS RUN FOR THEIR LIVES.....

STRANGE FOREST CREATURES JOIN THE FLIGHT FOR LIFE.....

SUDDENLY, ZARKOV DISCOVERS AN OMINOUS FACT.....

FLASH DESPERATELY SCRAMBLES UP A TREE TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY ESCAPE....



A SMALL FOREST LAKE OFFERS PERILOUS REFUGE.....

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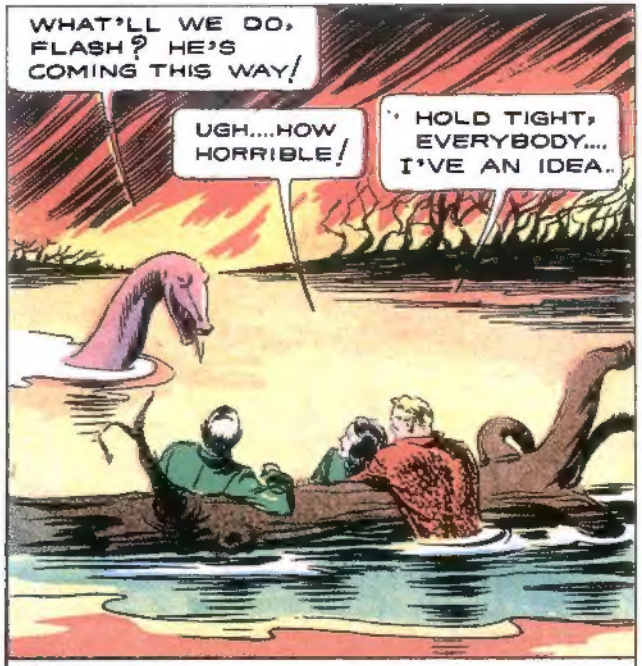

HIDING IN A SMALL LAKE FROM THE FLAMES OF A FOREST FIRE, FLASH IS MENACED BY WILD ANIMALS.....

AS THE URSODILE DIVES AFTER FLASH, HE THRUSTS THE STICK BETWEEN THE BEAST'S GAPING JAWS.....

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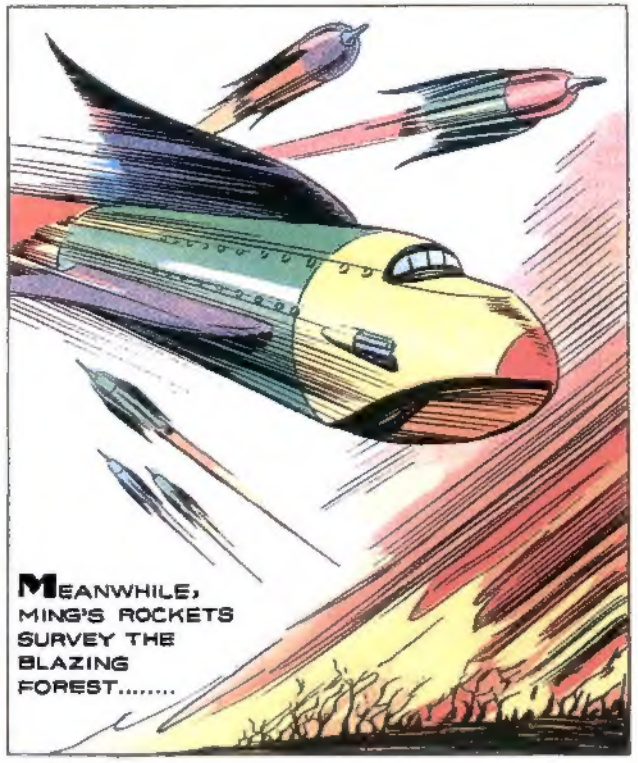

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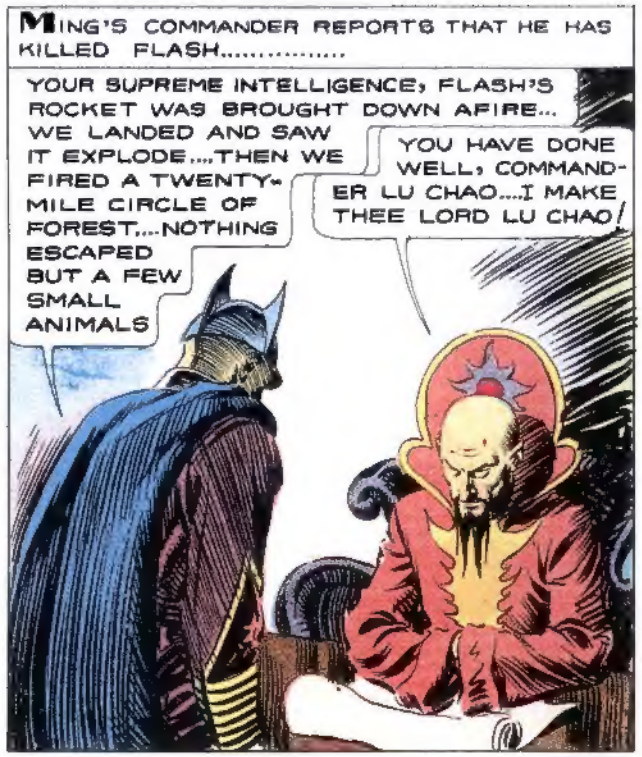

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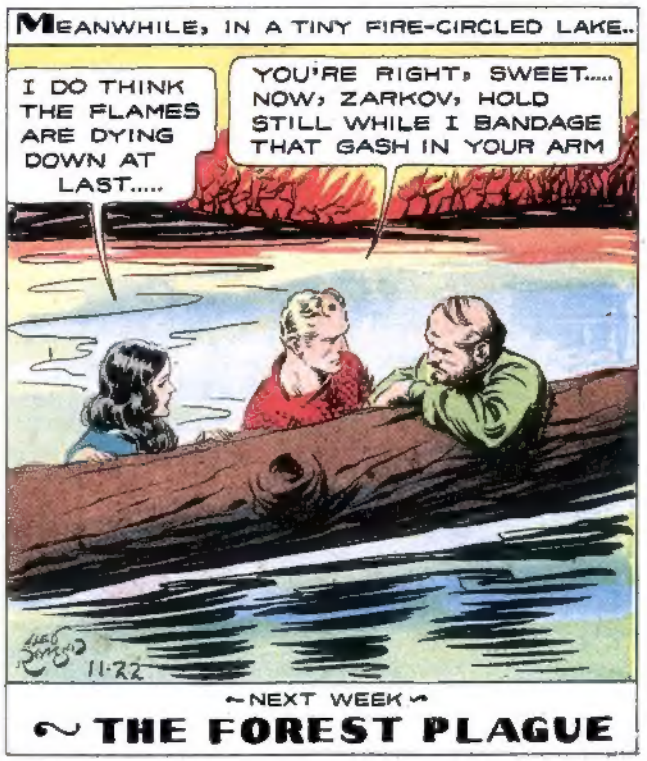

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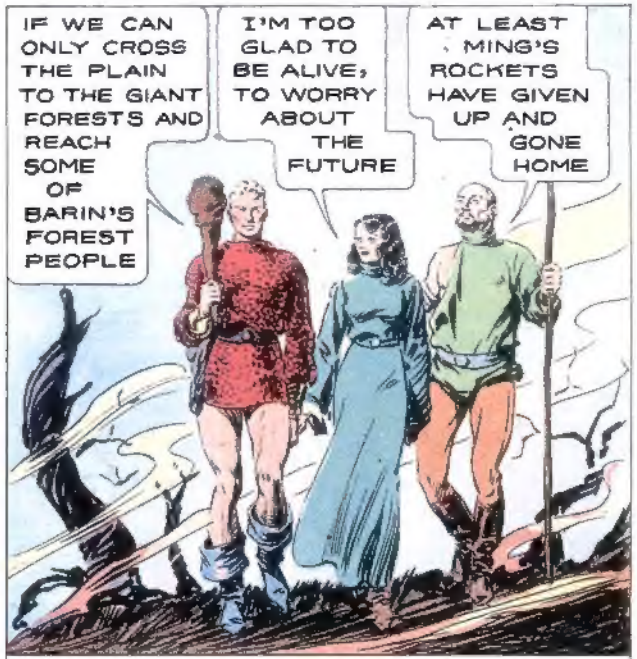
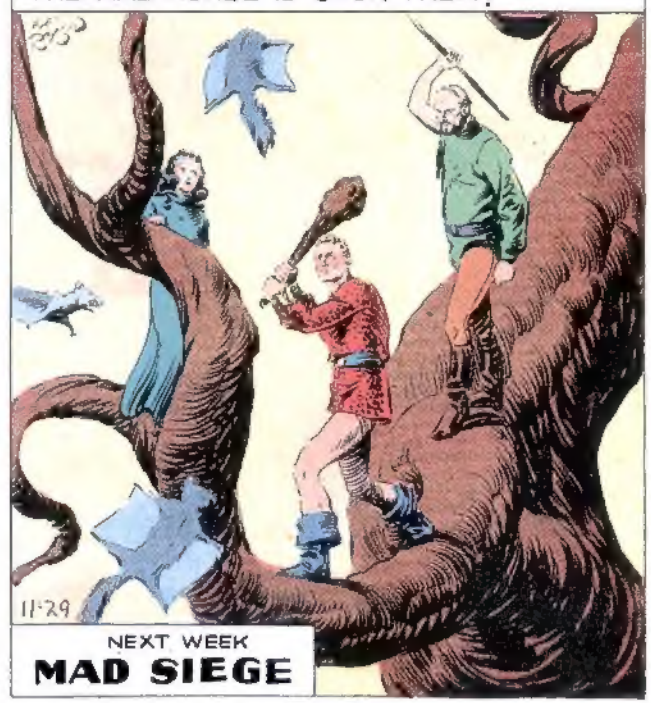
~ THE FOREST PLAGUE



AFTER THE FIRE DIES DOWN, FLASH LEADS THE WAY THROUGH THE BURNED AREA.....

THEY ARE WITHIN SIGHT OF THE GIANT FORESTS OF BARIN, NEAR MOUNT KARAKAS, WHEN THE TERROR CATCHES UP WITH THEM...THE MAD SQUIRLONS OF MOUNT KARAKAS!

AS THEY REACH THE TOP OF THE TREE, THE MAD HORDE IS UPON THEM!



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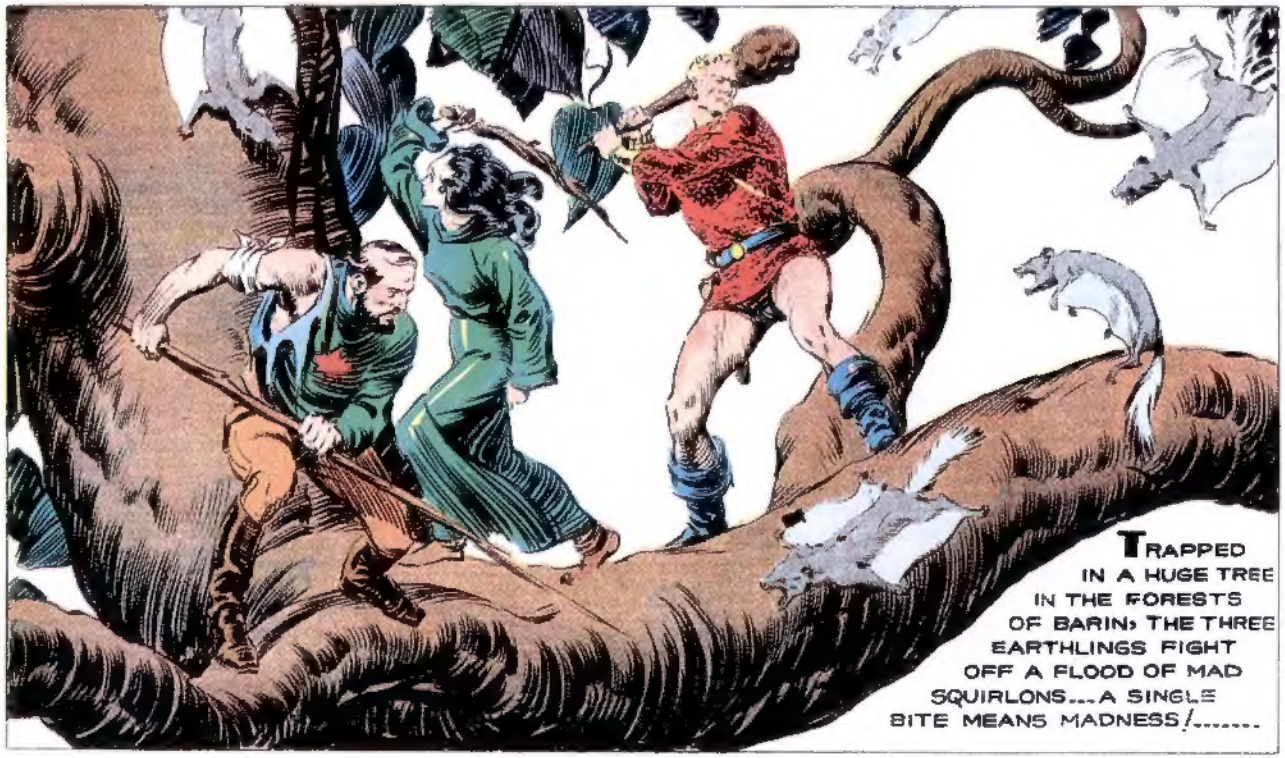
MAD SIEGE



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NEXT WEEK: **A GRIM CHOICE**

THE MAD SQUIRLONS STILL KEEP THE THREE HUMANS TRAPPED IN A TREE.....
THEY'VE STOPPED CLIMBING..THEY'RE FIGHTING OVER THE WOUNDED ANIMALS...
HOLD STILL, ZARKOV, TILL I BANDAGE THAT BITE.....
STOP IT! QUIT HURTING ME!

I HATE YOU! YOU'RE ALL AGAINST ME! I'M ON FIRE! YAH-H-H-H!
ZARKOV! OH, HELP, FLASH, HE'S GOING MAD!
MADNESS FROM THE SQUIRLON'S BITE RUNS THROUGH ZARKOV'S VEINS!.....

WITH A MAD-MAN'S STRENGTH, ZARKOV HURLS FLASH FROM HIM AND LEAPS FROM THE TREE!.....

MANY BRANCHES BREAK ZARKOV'S FALL AND HE LANDS ON THE HORDE OF VICIOUS SQUIRLONS!.....

ZARKOV FIGHTS OFF THE BEASTS AND RUNS WILDLY INTO THE FOREST.....
WATER! I'M BURNING UP! WATER!
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HOW AWFUL.... POOR ZARKOV! THE FOREST IS ALIVE WITH DANGER!
I SHOULD FOLLOW AND HELP HIM..BUT I CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE, DALE
→NEXT WEEK!←
SEARCH PARTY~

WE ARE VERY NEAR TO MOUNT KARAKAS--AND NO SIGN OF FIRE YET...
NO, SIR.. AND NO TRACKS
COMBING THE FORESTS OF BARIN'S KINGDOM, CAPTAIN TRUNO LEADS THE SEARCH FOR FLASH'S PARTY.....

MAD SQUIRLONS.. GIVE THEM A GAS BARRAGE!

THE SEARCHERS FIND THAT THE SQUIRLONS HAD BEEN ATTACKING A FALLEN MAN.....
IT'S A MAN! QUICK, TELL THE DOCTOR TO GIVE HIM ANTI-GAS AND TREATMENT FOR SQUIRLON POISON!
YES, SIR..

WHO ARE YOU?
PROFESSOR ZARKOV..... WHERE AM I? WHO ARE YOU?
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ZARKOV SEEMS TO RECOVER--BUT HE IS STILL AFFECTED BY THE ANIMAL VENOM...
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ZARKOV? THEN YOU WERE WITH FLASH GORDON--WHERE IS HE? WHERE IS THE GIRL?
GONE! DEAD! ALL DEAD! I'M AFIRE-- WATER, WATER, I'M BURNING--WE'RE ALL BURNING!

AND WHILE FLASH AND DALE ARE STILL TRAPPED IN A TREE NOT FAR AWAY, CAPTAIN TRUNO BELIEVES ZARKOV'S RAVINGS AND TURNS BACK.....
DOCTOR, GIVE ZARKOV ANOTHER TREATMENT.. DRUMMER, REPORT TO BARIN THAT FLASH AND DALE ARE DEAD AND THAT WE ARE RETURNING WITH ZARKOV
NEXT WEEK
ALONE IN THE FOREST

IN BARIN'S PALACE.....
WE'RE IN TUNE WITH THE SEARCH PARTY NOW, KING BARIN..THEY REPORT ZARKOV ALIVE, THE OTHERS DEAD.. THEY ARE COMING BACK
FLASH, MY BEST FRIEND! TELL THE SEARCHERS TO RETURN..

AT THE EDGE OF THE FOREST, LITTLE KNOWING THAT THE CRAZED ZARKOV HAD REPORTED HIM DEAD.....
DALE, I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SET OUT NOW....
HAVE ALL THE SQUIRLONS GONE ?

I HOPE POOR ZARKOV ESCAPED THE SQUIRLONS..WE MUST FOLLOW HIS TRAIL AND HELP, IF WE CAN..HE WAS HEADED TOWARD BARIN'S COUNTRY, ANYWAY....

HOURS LATER THEY COME TO A LITTLE STREAM... FLASH SPEARS FISH FOR THE EVENING MEAL, WHILE DALE STARTS A FIRE.....

WE HAVEN'T A FRYING-PAN, SO I'LL HAVE TO BAKE THESE IN THE COALS
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME, SWEETHEART..I'M STARVED...
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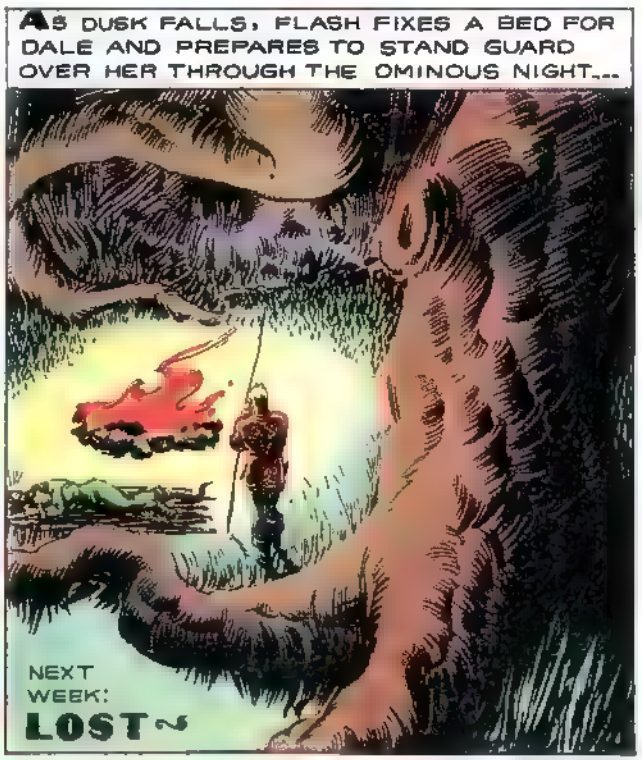
AS DUSK FALLS, FLASH FIXES A BED FOR DALE AND PREPARES TO STAND GUARD OVER HER THROUGH THE OMINOUS NIGHT...
NEXT WEEK:
LOST

I HOPE WE CATCH UP WITH HIM THIS MORNING..
IF ONLY I DON'T LOSE HIS TRAIL..
TRAILING THEIR CRAZED COMRADE, ZARKOV, FLASH AND DALE PUSH ON THROUGH THE FOREST.....

WHAT'S THAT? IT SOUNDS LIKE A DISTANT DRUM.... MORE ENEMIES?
NO..SOME OF BARIN'S PEOPLE.. HELLO-O-O!

THERE IS NO ANSWER, SO FLASH AND DALE HURRY TOWARD THE SOUND....
THOSE DRUMS CARRY FOR MILES..I HOPE WE FIND THE FOREST MEN..
I CAN'T HEAR IT ANY MORE..

AT THE DISTANT CAMP, TRUNO SIGNALS TO KING BARIN.....
TELL BARIN THAT ZARKOV IS WORSE.. WE WILL PADDLE FULL SPEED TOWARD HOME...

HOURS LATER, FLASH AND DALE REACH THE LAKE SHORE.....
THE TRACKS LEAD UP TO THE WATER
YES..SOMEONE FOUND ZARKOV AND TOOK HIM IN A BOAT..BUT WHICH WAY DID THEY GO? IF WE CIRCLE THE LAKE, WE MAY PICK THEM UP AGAIN..
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BUT THEIR DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO CIRCLE THE LAKE ENDS IN DISASTER..THEY BECOME LOST IN A DISMAL SWAMP!.....
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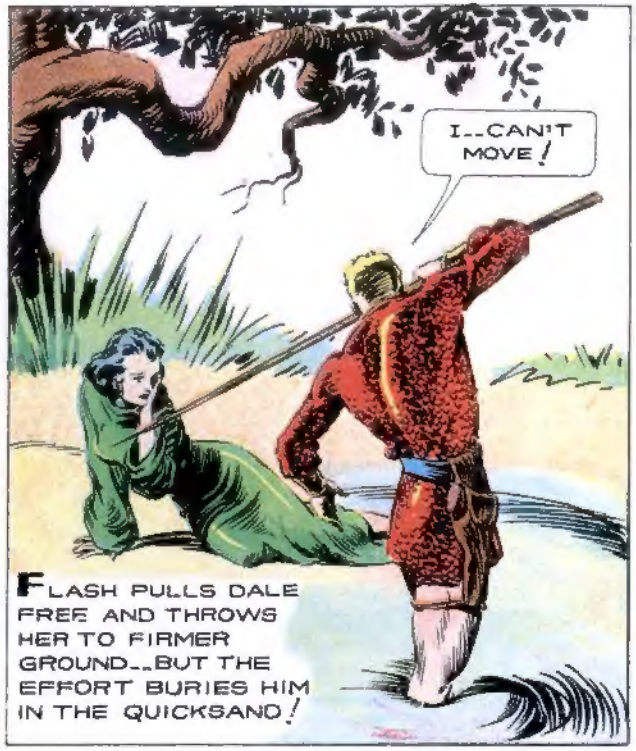
NEXT WEEK:-
THE CLUTCH OF DEATH!

LOST IN A SLIMY JUNGLE, FLASH AND DALE FIGHT TO FIND A WAY OUT.....
WE'LL JUST GO AHEAD IN A STRAIGHT LINE
IT LOOKS CLEARER AHEAD THERE, FLASH

I'M SINKING! QUICKSAND! HELP ME, FLASH!
DON'T STRUGGLE, DALE..YOU'LL GO DEEPER....


I..CAN'T MOVE!
FLASH PULLS DALE FREE AND THROWS HER TO FIRMER GROUND..BUT THE EFFORT BURIES HIM IN THE QUICKSAND!

FLASH..THROW ME YOUR GUN..QUICK, DON'T ARGUE..I'LL BLAST THIS VINE LOOSE.....
GOOD GIRL! TIE ONE END TO THE TREE..

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WITH A SUPERHUMAN EFFORT, FLASH PULLS HIMSELF FREE FROM THE QUICK-SAND.....
OH, DARLING..I NEARLY DIED WHILE YOU WERE IN THAT QUICKSAND!
THAT'S NOTHING, SWEETHEART... SO DID I!
NEXT WEEK
LORD OF THE JUNGLE
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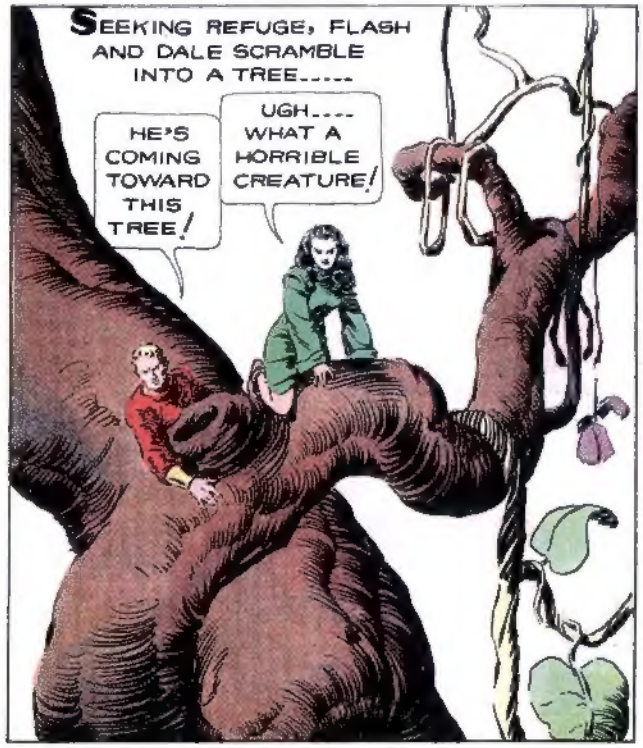
FLASH AND DALE, HOPELESSLY LOST IN THE JUNGLE, CONTINUE THEIR SEARCH FOR BARIN'S FOREST PEOPLE-------

A HEAVY CRASHING NOISE REACHES THEIR EARS--SUDDENLY, A GIANT MAGNOPED LUMBERS INTO VIEW!---------



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THE STRANGLER

STUNNED, FLASH AND DALE LIE HELPLESS, AS THE ENRAGED MAGNOPED RISES TO STAMP OUT THEIR LIVES /---------

LIKE WHIPS, CURLING VINES LASH DOWN FROM A NEARBY TREE /------

WITH FIEND-ISH SKILL, THEY TIGHTEN AROUND THE SCREAMING MONSTER /------

SHOCKED OUT OF HIS DAZE, FLASH TRIES TO CARRY DALE AWAY FROM THE CANNIBAL VINES ------

BUT THE HUNGRY TENDRILS CATCH FLASH-----
--AND DRAW HIM INTO THE AIR /--------
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AT THAT INSTANT, DALE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS ------
OH, FLASH--MY DARLING! MY DARLING!
NEXT WEEK
FATE STRIKES!

④ JUST AS THE TRAPPED HUMANS REACH THE LIMIT OF ENDURANCE, A BOLT OF LIGHTNING STRIKES THE TREE/-----